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**From:** Steven Donziger  
**Sent:** Friday, September 9, 2016 4:00 PM  
**To:** John van Merkenstein  
**Subject:** important -- instructions to Alan about use of funds

John,

Can you please send an instruction to Alan Lenczner, via email, that 50% of the investor funds under the Agreement received by his law firm are to be forwarded Steven R. Donziger for expenses related to the Ecuador litigation. Alan's email is alenczner@litigate.com. Alan has indicated he needs said instructions directly from you or your representative. I would appreciate it if you could take care of this with dispatch. If you need detail about use of funds, let me know. Thanks much.

Best, Steven